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## Nationwide reminds West Virginia Drivers Rate Decrease goes into Effect Today

**Columbus, Ohio** — Nationwide Insurance is pleased to announce, effective today, new lower auto rates in the state of West Virginia. The company lowered auto rates, for new and existing customers, as a result of civil justice reforms passed by the West Virginia legislature and signed into law by Governor Joe Manchin in April.

The net result will be a 5.7 percent decrease in West Virginia personal auto premiums for customers written in the Nationwide Mutual and Nationwide Property and Casualty Insurance Companies. Bodily injury rates will be reduced by \$6 million, resulting in customer savings on upcoming six-month renewals.

“Nationwide has a long, proud tradition of serving the people of West Virginia,” said Amy Shore, Nationwide’s regional vice president of Ohio and West Virginia. “We have remained committed to this market for many years, even in the tough times, and are confident the recently enacted reform measures will have a long-term, positive benefit for residents across the state. Governor Manchin and members of the legislature are to be commended for their action on this far reaching legislation.”

In addition to the auto rate savings, Nationwide reduced West Virginia homeowner rates by 2.3 percent effective August 6, 2005. This results in an overall savings of \$2 million dollars for West Virginia policyholders.

Nationwide is the second largest property and casualty insurer in West Virginia, with 119 agents and 220 sales locations statewide.

Nationwide, based in Columbus, Ohio, is one of the largest diversified insurance and financial services organizations in the world, with more than \$157 billion in assets. Nationwide ranks 99<sup>th</sup> on the Fortune 100 list. The company provides a full range of insurance and financial services, including auto, homeowners, life, health, commercial insurance, administrative services, annuities, mutual funds, pensions and long-term savings plans. For more information, visit [www.nationwide.com](http://www.nationwide.com).

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